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The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, in the Notice of Allowability are respectfully traversed in-part. It is agreed that all of the claims are patentable. They are so, however, due to the claimed combination of elements as recited in each and every claim considered separately and not due to any one or more claim elements in particular. Thus, all claim elements should be given a full range of equivalents when interpreted unless Applicants' representative specifically argued otherwise in a response to an Office Action. No further reasons by the Examiner are deemed necessary or accurate.

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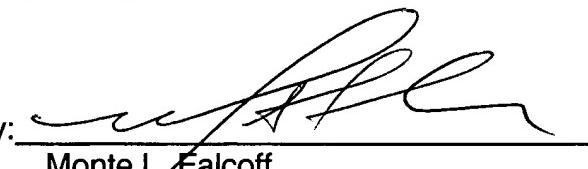
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